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Estimated Carloads of Perishable and Semi-perishable Domestically Produced Commodities
Normally Moved in Refrigerator Cars, 11 Months for 1943, 1944, and 1945 ¹

Cap 2

	Beverages/2	Margarine and butterine/3	Fruits and vegetables/4	Meats/5	Butter/3	Cheese/3	Eggs/3	Poultry dressed/3	Canned milk	Canned foodstuffs/6	Total	Estimated refrigerator carloadings
Number cars shipped January 1944	16,391	415	77,029	34,572	1,832	1,637	2,663	1,932	3,944	31,675	172,090	164,810
Estimated cars, January 1945	17,625	422	79,513	29,002	1,733	1,646	2,488	1,835	4,935	30,320	169,780	155,922
Percent change, Jan. 1945 over 1944	7.9	1.7	3.2	-16.1	-5.4	12.8	-6.5	-5.0	25.1	-4.3	-1.3	-5.4
Number cars shipped February 1944	16,720	549	75,035	34,303	1,885	1,310	2,652	1,350	4,211	32,417	170,437	153,650
Estimated cars, February 1945	18,107	511	73,938	24,369	1,644	1,567	2,374	1,282	4,946	30,656	159,444	144,287
Percent change, Feb. 1945 over 1944	8.3	-6.9	-1.4	-29.0	-12.8	19.6	-10.5	-5.0	17.5	-5.4	-6.4	-6.1
Number cars shipped March 1944	19,992	530	85,885	36,244	2,083	1,518	2,993	1,015	5,310	33,261	187,831	166,122
Estimated cars, March 1945	19,832	610	82,439	27,109	1,989	1,729	2,902	964	5,841	31,846	175,261	153,623
Percent change, Mar. 1945 over 1944	4.4	15.1	-4.0	-25.2	-4.5	13.9	-3.0	-5.0	10.0	-4.3	-6.7	-7.5
Number cars shipped April 1944	17,504	445	74,380	30,936	2,252	1,640	3,651	1,114	6,209	29,311	167,442	146,446
Estimated cars, April 1945	18,818	452	74,954	25,862	2,322	1,835	3,894	1,059	6,830	28,334	164,380	144,016
Percent change, Apr. 1945 over 1944	7.5	1.6	0.8	-16.4	3.1	11.9	6.7	-4.9	10.0	-3.3	-1.8	-0.2
Number cars shipped May 1944	20,164	333	79,721	33,570	2,755	2,022	5,032	1,440	8,017	30,840	183,904	150,037
Estimated cars, May 1945	21,645	340	81,583	27,920	2,426	2,150	5,017	1,525	8,819	29,661	181,150	141,150
Percent change, May 1945 over 1944	7.4	2.1	2.3	-16.7	-11.9	6.3	-0.3	5.9	10.0	-3.8	-1.5	-12.3
Number cars shipped June 1944	19,541	257	78,226	32,145	3,190	2,154	5,590	1,955	8,127	30,184	181,369	149,953
Estimated cars, June 1945	20,980	262	81,862	26,864	3,137	2,310	5,561	1,897	8,940	29,126	183,939	141,150
Percent change, June 1945 over 1944	7.4	1.9	8.5	-16.4	-1.7	7.2	-0.5	-3.0	10.0	-3.5	1.4	-12.3
Number cars shipped July 1944	20,780	366	69,407	34,340	3,075	2,281	5,037	2,053	7,038	28,497	172,884	148,830
Estimated cars, July 1945	21,196	375	80,360	32,803	2,912	2,430	5,023	2,147	7,730	29,207	184,183	141,150
Percent change, July 1945 over 1944	2.0	2.5	15.8	-4.5	-5.3	6.5	-0.3	4.1	9.8	2.5	6.5	-12.3
Number cars shipped August 1944	21,551	418	70,900	34,637	2,706	2,371	4,731	2,279	6,091	35,126	175,328	151,098
Estimated cars, August 1945	21,982	459	78,281	31,757	2,635	2,540	4,718	2,423	6,541	35,297	186,633	141,150
Percent change, Aug. 1945 over 1944	2.0	9.8	10.4	-8.0	-2.6	7.1	-0.3	6.3	7.4	0.5	6.4	-12.3
Number cars shipped September 1944	20,597	420	75,047	30,239	2,130	2,382	3,947	2,463	5,374	36,046	178,645	157,989
Estimated cars, September 1945	21,009	354	88,844	25,922	2,021	2,565	3,933	2,157	5,824	35,940	188,569	141,150
Percent change, Sept. 1945 over 1944	2.0	-15.7	18.4	-14.3	-5.1	7.7	-0.4	12.4	8.4	-0.3	5.6	-12.3
Number cars shipped October 1943	16,999	470	75,447	30,072	2,017	1,627	3,175	2,532	3,783	31,442	167,564	143,384
Number cars shipped October 1944	22,185	626	91,126	30,343	1,840	2,355	3,639	3,320	4,790	38,206	198,430	153,024
Percent change, Oct. 1944 over 1943	30.5	33.2	20.8	0.9	-8.8	44.7	14.6	31.1	26.6	21.5	18.4	6.7
Number cars shipped November 1943	17,334	485	76,031	33,404	1,820	1,506	2,741	4,141	3,174	32,961	173,617	152,085
Number cars shipped November 1944	21,201	494	70,813	30,067	1,873	1,928	3,211	4,768	4,206	37,510	176,079	138,838
Percent change, Nov. 1944 over 1943	22.3	1.9	-6.9	-10.0	2.9	28.0	17.1	15.1	32.5	13.8	1.4	-8.7
Number cars shipped December 1943	16,618	501	72,138	35,340	1,811	1,530	2,840	3,666	3,424	32,902	170,770	141,150
Estimated cars, December 1944	19,491	650	77,146	31,324	1,639	2,126	2,963	3,467	4,569	36,203	179,638	158,498
Percent change, Dec. 1944 over 1943	17.3	29.7	6.9	-11.2	-9.5	39.0	4.3	-5.4	33.4	10.0	5.2	12.3

¹ For certain commodities, particularly bottled and canned beer and canned foodstuffs, the use of refrigerator cars is essential only during those months when protection from the cold is required.

² ICC Statement No. M-500 carloads originated less 5 percent is the estimate for 1943, and like figures are substituted for former estimates in the first 11 months of 1944.

³ ICC Statement No. M-500, carloads originated are used in 1943, and are substituted for previous estimates in the first 11 months of 1944.

⁴ Fruit and Vegetable Branch, Office of Marketing Services, May, June, July, and August 1945 are estimates.

⁵ In 1943 and the first 11 months of 1944 this figure is the sum of ICC classifications 210, 220, and 222, carloads originated, less canned meats. December of 1944 and the first 9 months of 1945 are estimates on the same basis.

⁶ In 1943 and the first 11 months of 1944 this figure is ICC classification 680, carloads originated plus canned meats but less canned milk. December of 1944 and January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, and September 1945 are estimates of the same movement.

⁷ 1943

⁸ 1944

